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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO KHADDAM ON MOSCOW TALKS

1. PLEASE CONVEY TO KHADDAM FOLLOWING MESSAGE ON MY
VISIT TO MOSCOW:

2. BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR MR. FOREIGN MINISTER: HAVING JUST LEFT MOSCOW
AFTER DISCUSSION WITH SOVIET LEADERS, I WANT TO GIVE YOU
A BRIEF ACCOUNT TO THAT ASPECT OF MY TALKS THAT CONCERNED
THE MIDDLE EAST. WE HAD NOT ANTICIPATED THAT THE CONVERSATION
WOULD BREAK ANY NEW GROUND, AND THAT PROVED TO BE THE CASE.
NONETHELESS, I WANT TO KEEP YOU AND PRESIDENT ASAD
INFORMED ABOUT OUR ACTIVITIES RELATIVE TO THE MIDDLE EAST.

FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO AND I AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE
OF MAKING FURTHER PROGRESS IN THE GENEVA NEGOTIATING FRAMEWORK
AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE,
AND THAT THE PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS IN THE MIDDLE EAST
COULD NOT BE MAINTAINED INDEFINITELY. I STRESSED TO
GROMYKO THE COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO MAKE A
MAJOR EFFORT TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT AT THE RIGHT TIME.

WHILE WE ALSO AGREED THAT A WAY SHOULD BE FOUND
TO REASSEMBLE THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, GROMYKO HELD TO
THE POSITION THAT THE PLO WOULD HAVE TO BE PRESENT WHETHER

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THE CONFERENCE WERE RECONVEDED FORMALLY OR FOR AN INFORMAL

PREPARATORY SESSION. I TOLD GROMYKO THAT, AS HE KNEW, THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR US AT THIS MOMENT, AND THAT WE HAD INTENDED THE IDEA OF A PREPARATORY CONFERENCE AS A WAY AROUND THIS PROBLEM.

MY DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW THUS DID NOT REPRESENT A BREAKTHROUGH OUT OF OUR PRESENT SITUATION. I WANT YOU TO KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT WE ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE NEED FOR PROGRESS AND DETERMINED TO PROMOTE IT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO PRIME MINISTER RABIN'S VISIT NEXT WEEK AS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THIS PROCES.

IN CONCLUSION, ON ANOTHER SUBJECT OF GREAT MUTUAL CONCERN, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE HAVE BEEN MUCH ENCOURAGED BY THE AGREEMENT THAT HAS BEEN REACHED LOOKING TOWARD AN END TO THE FIGHTING IN LEBANON AND TO EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS THAT LED TO IT. SUPPORTING AS WE DO THE INDEPENDENCE, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, SOVEREIGNTY AND UNITY OF LEBANON, WE WERE SERIOUSLY CONCENRED IN RECENT WEEKS ABOUT THE EVIDENT DETERIORATION IN THE SITUATION THERE, INCLUDING THE THREAT TO UNITY REPRESENTED BY THE IDEA OF PARTITION. WITH BEST WISHES, SINCERELY, HENRY A. KISSINGER. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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